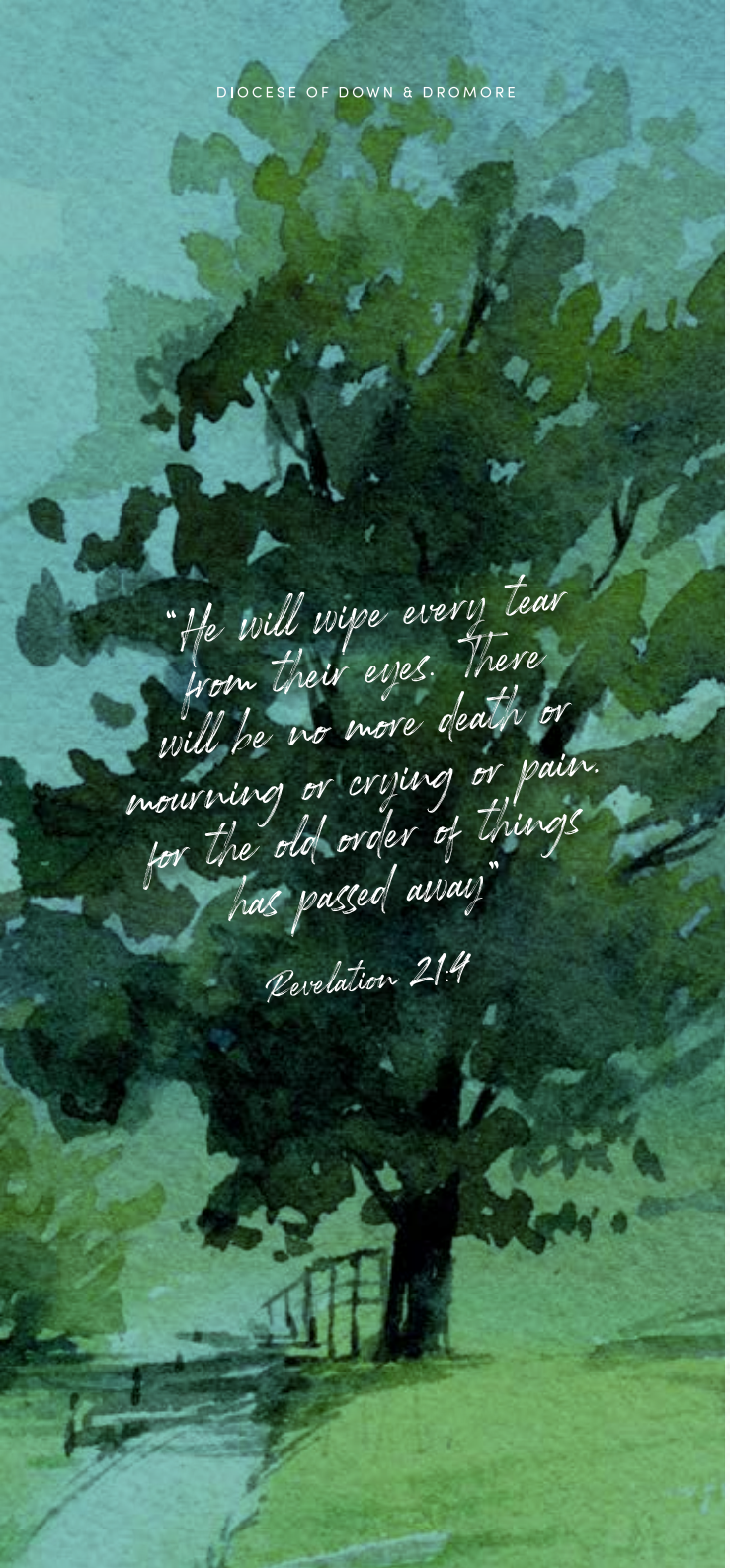


DIOCESE OF DOWN & DROMORE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our churches and the diocese are grateful for all the gifts that we receive in memory of loved ones.

These gifts will really help us to share God's transforming love and hope with the communities where God has placed us.

If you want to discuss making a gift to the church in memory of a loved one, please speak to the Rector or Honorary Treasurer in the church.

If you want to discuss giving to the diocese in memory of a loved one please speak to a member of the diocesan team.



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HONOURING THE *Memory*



Giving to God's church
in memory of a loved one

LOSING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Losing someone special to you is a very difficult experience. Scripture can be a source of comfort and strength during hard times.

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"

Psalm 34:18

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Matthew 5:4

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds"

Psalm 147:3



HONOURING THE MEMORY

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"

Psalm 116:15

Leaving a gift in the memory of a loved one is a special way to honour their memory, express our love for that precious individual and celebrate their life.

It is also a way to maintain a link with the church they attended and witness to their love for Jesus and their church community.

Making a gift in the name of a loved one supports a church in its ministries and mission, reaching out into their community and sharing Jesus' love in practical ways. There may be a particular ministry that was close to the heart of your loved one that you may want to support.

AT THE TIME OF A FUNERAL

Instead of friends and family members sending flowers, families may suggest that those who want to express sympathy to them in their loss, make a donation to their church. Most Funeral Directors will make the funeral collection and forward donations to the church on behalf of a family.

MARKING A LIFE

Family members and friends may want to make a one-off donation to a church to celebrate and honour the life of someone precious to them.

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

Families may choose to remember their loved one at a special time during the year such as a birthday, anniversary or season of particular significance.

THE CHURCH'S NEEDS

Through your gift, you can support:

PARISH MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

- *Bible teaching*
- *Discipleship*
- *Pastoral care*
- *Compassion ministries*
- *Community outreach*
- *Property maintenance*

TRAINING OF LEADERS

- *Church leaders*
- *Outreach workers*
- *Ministry volunteers*

PIONEERING WORK

- *Revitalisation of churches' ministries and outreach*
- *Church planting to reach communities with the gospel where there is little or no Christian witness*